# Bringing Immune Cell Migration into the High School Classroom

Elizabeth A. Zdrojewski, Rochelle M. Conway\*, Hariharan Subramanian\*, Masanari Kodera\*, Douglas A. Steeber\*

West Allis Central High School, West Allis, WI 53227, \*Department of Biological Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53211

### **Overview of My Fellowship**

### Timeline

4 weeks in lab

June 13-July 17 2005

6 Create and implement lesson plan

Fall 2005

9 Present

All Convention 2006

# Lymphocyte Migration

- Lymphocytes specifically respond to invading pathogens.
- Lymphocytes monitor the body by migrating among various lymphoid tissues such as lymph nodes and spleen.
- Lymphocyte migration into lymph nodes is regulated by expression of specific receptors.



### **High Endothelial Venules (HEV)**

### **Research Design: In Vivo Cell Tracking**

### Isolation of Splenocytes



CSFE labeling of Splenocytes

### Injection of labeled Cells







### **Research Design: Labeling and Analysis**

#### Prepare frozen sections



Peripheral node addressin (MECA-79)

Mucosal addressin cell adhesion molecule-1(MECA-367)



Viewed by fluorescence microscopy



Digital Images Collected

### Staining and Analysis of Section

Injected cells (CFSE) F

PNAd (TRITC)

### MAdCAM-1 (Cy5)



## 15 minute migration to lymph node

•CFSE labeled cells (Green)
•HEV expressing PNAd (Red)
•HEV expressing MAdCAM-1 (Blue)

### <u>Analysis</u>

# of cells associated (2)# migrated across (4)distance migrated



39µm

# How to Bring It Into the High School?



- West Allis Central High School
- 1600 students (Minority-18%)
- Urban
- 38% on Free/Reduced Lunch
- 95% graduation rate
- 65% go onto post secondary education

## What needed to be addressed

### **Challenges:**

- Limited time
- Varied backgrounds of students
- Rules/regulations of \_\_\_\_\_\_
   school \_\_\_\_\_\_



### How to Overcome:

- Keep it focused
- Motivational, diversified
- Use all non biological material

# "Which Way Did You Go George?"

- 1. Use inquiry to determine how disease can be passed
- 2. Understand the importance of immunity
- 3. Communicate how human immunity works
- 4. Apply new knowledge to a specific disease (extension project)



### **Glow Germ**





### Introduction Of Lesson



# K W L L What I Know What I Want To Learn What I Have •Antibodies help fight bad bacteria -Can't get the same virus twice

- Deals with lymph nodes
- Can be enhanced with medicine or immunizations
- T & Y cells
- Consists of white blood cells, red cells and platelets
- Enzymes fight off intruding virus cells
- Mine sucks
- Vitamin C

## Answers to "What I Want to Learn"

K What I <u>K</u> now	W What I <i>Want</i> To Learn	L What I Have <u>L</u> earned
--------------------------	-------------------------------------	-------------------------------------

How do we exactly get sick?

- Are there organs involved?
- How do you strengthen your immune system?
- How would you deal if you did not have one?



### **Internet Day**

- 1. http://kidshealth.org/parent/general/body basics/immune.html
- 2. http://www.wisegeek.com/what-isimmunology.htm
- 3. http://www.biology.arizona.edu/immunolo -gy/immunology.html

# Catch up Day

- Address misconceptions of "What they Know"
- Students take notes
- Use visual to help explain (from Peggy Deichstetter NABT convention 2005)



### Visualization of Immune System



### Here Come the Pathogens



### The Macrophage is here



# THE SIGN



## Trying to Find the Right B Cell



### The Antibodies Are Here!



### Game Day



Red path-Arteries Purple path-Capillaries Green Path-lymphatic vessel Blue Path-Vein



•Arrows—tell direction

•Virus-pick a card

•Green Circle-Lymph node (where you start)

### **Game Pieces**



### Sample B Cell Cards

You are needed in the capillary of the brain. A possible infection is there. You match!! Take an antibody. You need to hang out in a lymph node. Lose a turn.

You have successfully survived for one year. Happy Birthday!! Take another turn. Your body signed up to a health club and has been going for 3 weeks. All right!!

Go again.

### Sample T Cell Cards

Go and tell a B cell there is an infection in the left knee. Go there and get an antibody because you are a match! If the last B cell earned an antibody you also earn an antibody. If not you lose two turns.

You have done a great job for years. You however are weak. Time to go. You die. Wait for the next B cell's turn. If you get an antibody so do you! Good luck.

# What students learned from the lesson



- There are more B Cells than T Cells
- There is another liquid called lymph
- White blood cells travel all over
- There are other things that make you sick

# My experiences with project

- Pushed my limits
- Allowed my mind to participate in the world of research
- Made me understand 'hurry up and wait'
- Gave me a better understanding of immunology

### Acknowledgements



»American Association of Immunologists
»Dr. Tzianzabos
» Liz Hyles
»Peggy Deichstetter

# Acknowledgements Cont.

# The lab

- Principle Investigator: Dr. Doug Steeber
- The Team!
  - Rochelle M. Conway
  - Hariharan
     Subramanian
  - Masanari Kodera
  - Andrew Karalewitz
  - Jamison Grailer



